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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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SUSUMU IGARASHI ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2621
Application No.: 10/082,280)	
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Filed: February 26, 2002)	
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For: DECODING APPARATUS,)	
DECODING METHOD,	:	
STORAGE MEDIUM AND)	
PROGRAM SOFTWARE	:	December 28, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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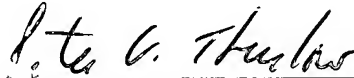
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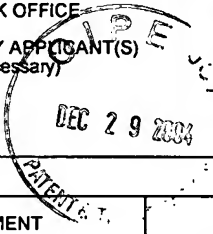
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